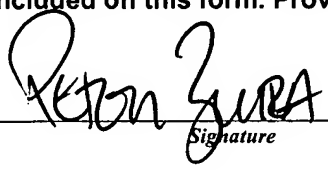
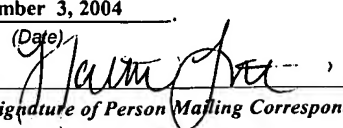
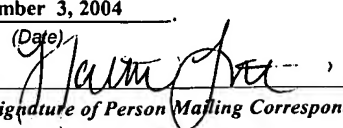
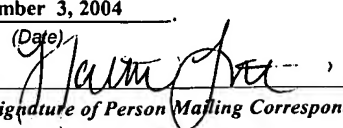


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the office action entered in the above identified case and mailed on February 3, 2004. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. All stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by published U.S. Patent Application Number U.S. 2002/0116371 to Dodds, et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Specifically, none of the cited art, alone or in combination, disclose “executing a logical structure associated with the table to produce a logical view of the table, the logical view containing at least a portion of the information from the table without containing the identifiers” as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claims 10, 17 and 24-26. As was argued previously, paragraph [0009] of Dodds simply states that a computer system and method for manipulating an XML document using a relational database is provided. Dodds further discloses a converter that receives an XML document and generates a set of relational database tables based on the hierarchical structure of XML; a database for storing the database tables and a searcher for querying the relational database tables to locate content originally in the XML document. The Examiner has equated the Dodds “searcher” with the “logical structure” of claim 1, however, this interpretation is incorrect.

The specification discloses, in an exemplary embodiment, a “logical structure” and “logical view” on page 23, second-to-last paragraph, to page 25. While the Applicant recognizes that limitations in the specification should not be read into the claims, it is also a requirement that

the claims be read in light of the specification. Accordingly, the “logical structure” and “logical view” claimed in the present application are not the same as the XML/searcher configuration proposed by the Examiner.

Furthermore, Dodds does not teach the plurality of identifiers identifying a portion of the information table, and creating a separate logical view containing a portion of the information from the relational database table with the identifiers stripped away, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 10, 17 and 24-26. In fact, Dodds is wholly silent with regard to this feature. Interestingly, the Examiner cited paragraph [0068] as a basis for claiming that Dodds discloses this feature. Such Examination is improper, as there is clearly no teaching of such elements in the passage. If the Examiner is suggesting that such features are “common knowledge” to those skilled in the art, the Applicant kindly suggests that supporting documentation be provided in subsequent Office Actions.

Furthermore, it is noted that the Final Rejection was signed by the Examiner, but there is no indication that the Examiner has primary signatory authority. If this is indeed the case, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Final Rejection is improper, as the MPEP requires that all Final Office Actions require the attention of a Primary Examiner (MPEP 1004).

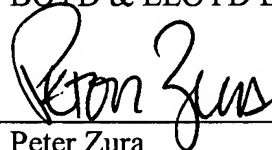
For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presently amended are all in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner allow the claims move the application to issue. However, if there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants’ attorney, Peter Zura at (312) 807-4208 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

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